

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A loading device for a cable comprising:
 - a leader with a first end and a second end;
 - a jacket enclosing the leader; and
 - means for attaching the second end of the leader to the cable;
 - wherein the first end of the leader is used for pulling the leader through the jacket.
2. A cable loading device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the leader is made from a material that slides and elongates during pulling.
3. A cable loading device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the leader is made from a felt.
4. A cable loading device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the jacket is made from PVC.
5. A cable loading device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the means for attaching the leader to the cable is by a staple.

- 1 6. A cable loading device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the means
2 for attaching the leader to the cable is by an adhesive material.
- 1 7. A cable loading device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the means
2 for attaching the leader to the cable is by a clip.
- 1 8. A cable loading device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the means
2 for attaching the leader to the cable is by a band.
- 1 9. A cable loading device as set forth in claim 3, wherein the felt is
2 made from a non-woven polyester fiber.
- 1 10. A cable loading device as set forth in claim 9, wherein the non-
2 woven polyester fiber is a needle loom fiber which is mechanically
3 interlocked.
- 1 11. A method of loading a cable inside a jacket comprising the steps
2 of:
3 forming a jacket with a leader inside;
4 cutting the jacket with the leader inside to a length;
5 attaching one end of the leader to the cable;
6 pulling the leader through the jacket until a parallel wire
7 section of the cable is exposed at an end of the jacket; and

8 cutting the ribbon cable at the exposed parallel wire section
9 to length.

1 12. A method as set forth in claim 11, wherein said step of forming
2 includes extruding the jacket with the leader inside.

1 13. A method as set forth in claim 11, wherein the leader is made from
2 a material that slides and elongates during pulling.

1 14. A method as set forth in claim 11, wherein the leader is made from
2 a felt.

1 15. A method as set forth in claim 11, wherein the step of attaching the
2 leader to the cable is by a staple.

1 16. A method as set forth in claim 11, wherein the step of attaching the
2 leader to the cable is by an adhesive material.

1 17. A method as set forth in claim 11, wherein the step of attaching the
2 leader to the cable is by a clip.

1 18. A method as set forth in claim 11, wherein the step of attaching the
2 leader to the cable is by a band.

1 19. A method as set forth in claim 11, wherein the jacket is made from
2 PVC.

1 20. A method as set forth in claim 14, wherein the felt is made from a
2 non-woven polyester fiber.

1 21. A method as set forth in claim 20, wherein the non-woven polyester
2 fiber is a needle loom fiber which is mechanically interlocked.

1 22. A method of making a ribbon cable enclosed inside a jacket to a
2 specified length comprising the steps of:
3 cutting a leader to length;
4 extruding a jacket over the leader;
5 cutting the jacket with the leader extruded inside to length;
6 providing a ribbon cable;
7 attaching one end of the leader to the ribbon cable;
8 pulling the leader through the jacket until a parallel wire
9 section of the ribbon cable is exposed at an end of the jacket; and
10 cutting the ribbon cable to length.

- 1 23. A method as set forth in claim 21, wherein the leader is made from
2 a material that slides and elongates during pulling.
- 1 24. A method as set forth in claim 21, wherein the leader is made from
2 a felt.
- 1 25. A method as set forth in claim 21, wherein the jacket is made from
2 PVC.
- 1 26. A method as set forth in claim 21, wherein the step of attaching the
2 leader to the cable is by a staple.
- 1 27. A method as set forth in claim 21, wherein the step of attaching the
2 leader to the cable is by an adhesive material.
- 1 28. A method as set forth in claim 21, wherein the step of attaching the
2 leader to the cable is by a clip.
- 1 29. A method as set forth in claim 21, wherein the step of attaching the
2 leader to the cable is by a band.
- 1 30. A method as set forth in claim 24, wherein the felt is made from a
2 non-woven polyester fiber.

- 1 31. A method as set forth in claim 30, wherein the non-woven polyester
2 fiber is a needle loom fiber which is mechanically interlocked.